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## COMPLETION OF FAM-CH'IAO RESERVOIR; THREAT OF FLOODS IN CENTRAL-SOUTH PROVINCES

The Pan-ch'iao flood control and irrigation reservoir, part of the Ruzi Ho flood-control project, with a storage capacity of 240 million cubic maters was officially declared finished 1 May 1952. This and other similar projects, already completed or in process, will save 5,500,000 mou of land from the annual threat of inumdation and make possible the irrigation of 600,000 mou /cne mon equals 1/6 acre/.

High water, reaching and passing the danger stage, is reported in many areas of Hupch, Human, Kiangel, and Rwangtung provinces. Inumdation of farm lands is reported in some areas. Authorities are taking urgent steps to prevent further disaster.

PAH-CR'IAO RESERVOIR OFFICIALLY DECLARED CONFLETED --- Hankow, Ch'ang-chiang Jih-pao, 15 May 1952

The Pan-ch'iso Reservoir in Pi-yang Hsien, Horan, on the Ju Mo. a tributary of the Huai Ho, was officially proclaimed completed 1 May 1952. The reservoir has a storage capacity of 240 million cubic meters.

This reservoir together with the already completed Shih-man-t'an Reservoir on the Hung Ho and the Po-shan Reservoir on the Ch'in-t'ou Ho, on which work is about to begin, and general conservancy work on the Ju Ho and Hung Ho, now meanly finished, will eliminate the age-old annual threat of immunication to 5,500,600 mou of fars land lying along these streams. Furthermore, the Fan Ch'ino Reservoir will provide irrigation water for 150,000 mou of land adjacent to it and east of Sha-ho-tien.

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The Pan-ch'iso Reservoir project was completed in three stages in less than a year. Over 1,000 administrative, engineering, fiduciary, and medical cadres, and 145,500 peasant laborers were employed. They put in a total of 6 million man-days of work using 180 machines and 4,700 tons of nonearth materials. Daily requirements of food, and fuel amounted to over 125 tons.

The technicians and engineers were drawn from many of the large cities of the country and the peasant laborers from a radius of 300 li in all directions. Construction on the Pan-ch'iao and Pai-sha recervoirs and dike repairing and building on a dozon or more nearby streams has employed the labor of hair a million persons during the winter and spring. Irrigation of 600,000 mon will be lossible from the two hig reservoirs mentioned above one li equals 1/3 mile.

SERIOUS FICOS THUMANS IN HUFEH, HUMAN, KLANGSI, KXARGTUNG -- Harbow, Ch'angchiang Jih-pao, 14 May 52

Flocd-control agencies in Hupeh, Hunan, Kingsi and Kwangtung are working feverishly to protect their areas against flood threat. Steady rains have teen falling for some time in Kiangsi and Ewangtung. Water is steadily rising in the lower Han Chiang and Fo-yang Hu area in Kiangsi. On 5 May, the water level on the Hsiu Shui reached 20 meters, one meter above alarm stage. In Yung-hsiu Hsien on the lower reaches of the Hsiu Shui dikes were breached in more than ten places; inumdating 3,000 mou. In Lo-p'ing and Fo-yang hsien water levels were above alarm stage.

Flood creats, approaching or passing the danger point, have been reached in a number of places on the Pei Chieng, Tung Chiang, and Hei Chiang in Evangtung. The water level on the Han-yang Chieng in late April reached the highest point seen in several decades. In four ch'u in Yang-chiang Heien 7,000 mou of rice and 8,000 mou of early crops were inimdated. On 1 May, the area on the west side of the Han-yang Chiang from Ma-shan to Yang-chiang city was flooded, bringing disaster to 10,000 people.

Rivers and lakes in Human and Hupeh are rising. The Heiang Chiang at Han-ch'uan and Han-yang has nearly reached record level.

Conservancy officials in all four provinces are taking all possible measures to meet the threat of floods. In the Tung-t'ing Hu and Hsiang Chiang areas of Hunan, 24,900,000 fang of earth has been hardled in dike building and repair work. By shortening dikes, some 50,000 mou of land has been added to the available arable area one fang equals 100 cubic feet.

In Human a lackedaisical spirit has prevailed among many conservancy cadres and much of the dike-repair and bank-protection work done has been of inferior quality. As a result it has already failed under the test of high water.

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